

## Senate Resolution 977

By: Senators Cowser of the 46th, Goggans of the 7th, Hudgens of the 47th and Moody of the 56th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Cardy Pennington; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, on January 12, 2010, the nation of Haiti was devastated by an earthquake that  
3 resulted in a disaster of historic proportions; and

4 WHEREAS, hundreds of thousands have lost their lives, millions have been left homeless,  
5 and that fragile nation's road to recovery will take years; and

6 WHEREAS, in the wake of one of the Western Hemisphere's most devastating natural  
7 disasters, fourth grader Cardy Pennington was moved to act to raise funds to help the  
8 thousands of Haitians whose lives have been turned upside down; and

9 WHEREAS, Cardy developed a fundraising plan to design and sell Valentine's Day cards to  
10 family, friends, and neighbors with proceeds going to St. Boniface Hospital in Fond des  
11 Blancs, Haiti; and

12 WHEREAS, Cardy gathered 221 different Valentine's Day drawings and designs from  
13 friends throughout Georgia and many other states whose artistic designs were scanned to  
14 postcard size and turned into beautiful cards; and

15 WHEREAS, Cardy and her family and friends sold their Valentine's cards outside the  
16 Oconee Youth Playhouse after the performance group's last two showings of *Grease* and  
17 approached Kappa Kappa Gamma for help in selling their cards on the University of Georgia  
18 campus; and

19 WHEREAS, the sisters of Kappa Kappa Gamma were so impressed with Cardy's plan to help  
20 Haiti that they brought her to a meeting of UGA sorority chairs to present her idea and garner  
21 more support for her card program; and

22 WHEREAS, the sororities and fraternities of UGA enthusiastically agreed to sell Cardy's  
23 cards and her family has helped her put up a website, [www.ahheartforhaiti.org](http://www.ahheartforhaiti.org), where cards  
24 have been purchased online from around the country; and

25 WHEREAS, over 12,000 cards have been sold and over 70 collection buckets for donations  
26 have been placed in the Athens community; and

27 WHEREAS, Cardy's initiative and motivation to help others in need serve as a shining  
28 example of compassion, bringing pride to her family, friends, and community, and the State  
29 of Georgia is honored and blessed to have such a caring and kind young lady like Cardy as  
30 a citizen.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
32 commend Cardy Pennington for her creative method of raising funds for the nation of Haiti  
33 and recognize her family and friends who have helped her in improving the lives of countless  
34 Haitians.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
36 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Cardy Pennington.